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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports
VIA: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Request for Clearance to Transmit CIA Information
to [REDACTED] 25X1A
REFERENCE: Memorandum with Attachments from AD/RR via DD/I
to D/S dtd 7 Jan 54 Concerning Subject

25X1A 1. Reference requests security approval to transmit an
"Inventory of Motor Vehicles in Iron-Curtain Countries" to
[REDACTED] for inclusion in their World Motor
Census.

2. The "Inventory" was compiled from available unclassified
sources and verified by classified documents within CIA. As such
it apparently represents the best official information of the Agency
on the number of motor vehicles in the USSR and satellites for
1953. In the opinion of this Office, the application of a security
classification to the data is warranted and is believed to have
been applied by your Office to similar information derived from
unclassified sources and checked against classified documents.

25X1A 3. While it is recognized that furnishing the requested
information [REDACTED] may result in some good will toward
the Agency, it is believed that an unfortunate precedent would be
set. To accede to this request will probably result in additional
demands for information from the publishing firm, which ultimately,
it will be necessary to decline for administrative as well as
security reasons. It is further believed that other publishing
houses would be justified in expecting the Agency to extend the
same service to their requests for CIA information and if denied,
could well charge CIA with favoritism.

25X1A 4. In view of the above, it is not considered in the best
interest of CIA to release the "Inventory" to the [REDACTED]
Corporation and accordingly, security approval is denied.

[REDACTED]
Director of Security

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